

Population and the Environment: Where We're Headed and What We Can Do

1. a) At what rate is world population increasing?

b) State an analogy described in the article that shows the significance of the world population growth rate.
2. a) What is the general range of predications about world population by mid-century?

b) How many women desire to prevent pregnancy and what barrier do they face and in which geographic regions of the world could they face such a barrier?

c) Given the inaccessibility to contraception in many countries that allows for women to have five children on average, what imbalance with regards to age and world population?
3. Describe the types of natural resources are being overtaxed as a result of population growth? And at what world population are these problems easier to address?
4. What is the good news about slowing population growth and how is it different than "population control"?
5. Describe the success story of international family programs.
6. How has the U.N. helped at an international level in confronting population growth and what are the collective aims to respond to this world problem?